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Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2008--8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Elliott Hartstein, Chair-CMAP Board, Frank Beal-CMAP Board, Roger Claar-CMAP Board, Zenovia Evans-CMAP Board, Adam Gross-BPI, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Rae Rupp Srch-CMAP Board, Phil Smith-DuPage County

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Lindsay Banks, Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Kristin Heery, Joy Schaad, Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present: Len Cannata-West Central Municipal Conference, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Governmental League, Chris Staron-Northwest Municipal Conference

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Elliott Hartstein.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting notes from the March 12, 2008 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch and a second by Roger Claar. Al Larson abstained.

4.0 Regional Vision

Bob Dean described the vision draft that had been distributed and the process that was used in its development. He noted that it is a milestone in the development of the *GO TO 2040* plan, although there is much work still ahead. Elliott Hartstein suggested that the committee review the document section by section and recommend changes if necessary. The suggested changes are noted below.

In the introductory section, the committee suggested clarifying the role of CMAP and other organizations in getting the region to this vision. However, the committee also

noted that the document should not define CMAP's role so specifically that there is not room to make recommendations in other areas.

In the quality of life section, the committee recommended changing the words "unique values" to "uniqueness." In the energy section, the committee suggested making the initial sentence more future-oriented, speaking about conditions in 2040 rather than what needs to happen to get there. In the housing section, the committee recommended eliminating the language that specifically names the elderly and disabled, and instead adding housing as a component of the equity section.

Norm West, a member of the Freight Task Force, asked that freight be listed as a separate section, because of the importance of our region being connected to global networks of commodities, materials, and energy. Mr. Hartstein noted that freight was already covered in the economic competitiveness and transportation sections. However, the committee agreed that connection to global networks was an important concept, and should be reflected somewhere in the vision. Mr. Dean stated that staff would look for the most appropriate place in the vision to add this language.

Frank Beal expressed a concern that the role of CMAP as an agency gets somewhat lost in the document. Mr. Hartstein stated that improving the preface would help to define CMAP's role.

Ms. Rupp Srch made a motion to recommend the endorsement of the Regional Vision to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee with the changes suggested by the committee. Mr. Beal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5.0 Community Engagement Assistance Program

Erin Aleman described the community engagement assistance program, in which CMAP provided small grants to community-based organizations to host meeting and gather input for the purposes of vision development. She noted that the program was successful in reaching groups who are often underrepresented in planning processes, such as low-income residents, African Americans, Latinos, and the disabled.

Ms. Rupp Srch asked whether the program strengthened these groups, and Ms. Aleman stated that the program did include training in meeting facilitation skills. Ed Paesel asked for clarification on the cost, and Ms. Aleman responded that the program included ten grants of no more than \$5,000 each. Mr. Hartstein commended the work done by the community-based organizations in communicating to their constituents, and noted that CMAP could learn from these groups as well.

6.0 Regional Snapshot Report: Aging

Russell Pietrowiak provided a presentation on the aging of the region's population and the effects that this would have on our long-range planning work. He noted that the concept of aging in place, or creating communities that allowed older adults to remain in

their homes or their neighborhoods, was particularly important and would be a focus of the report.

Ms. Rupp Srch stated that many older adults want to be able to walk for some of their trips, but that most senior-oriented developments do not have a mix of uses that allows this to happen. Mr. Paesel added that perceptions of transportation system safety affect behavior and should be considered. Mr. Hartstein noted that senior needs should be considered in the design of transit services, and Mr. Larson added that townships have often taken on the responsibility for providing transportation options for seniors. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that transportation and safety would be covered in the report, as well as perceptions of neighborhood safety, which also affect where older adults want to live.

Roger Claar stated that for many seniors whose homes are paid off, property taxes make up a large portion of their housing expenses. Mr. Hartstein added that the cost of assisted living communities, which have grown at a rapid pace in the region, should also be examined. Phil Smith emphasized that affordability of care would be a key issue as the senior population grows.

7.0 Staff Updates

Due to lack of time no additional staff updates were given.

8.0 Other Business

No other business was raised.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee was scheduled for July 9, 2008.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch, second by Al Larson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, July 9, 2008.